

DISCLAIMER

This electronic version of an SCC order is for informational purposes only and is not an official document of the Commission. An official copy may be obtained from the [Clerk of the Commission, Document Control Center](#).

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 9, 2002

APPLICATION OF

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUE-2001-00587

For Approval of a Retail Supply
Choice Plan as Authorized by
§ 56-235.8 of the Code of Virginia

To Change Rates, Charges, Rules,
and Regulations

ORDER ON MOTION

On April 4, 2002, the Commission Staff moved for an extension in the dates for filing its reports on this application of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia" or "Company") for approval of a retail supply choice plan and to change rates and charges. As noted in the motion, the Commission had directed the Staff to file by April 10, 2002, a report on Columbia's retail supply choice plan and any comments or requests for a hearing on the plan. Columbia was authorized to file, by April 19, 2002, comments on the Staff report and on comments or requests for a hearing on the retail supply choice plan. Staff's motion proposed to extend its filing date to April 17, 2002, and Columbia's filing date to May 3, 2002.

Staff also requested an extension of the filing dates for its report on the proposed changes in rates, charges, rules, and

regulations not included in the plan for retail supply choice, and for Columbia's comments on the Staff report and the comments and requests for a hearing on these proposed changes. The Staff report currently must be filed by April 17, 2002, and Columbia's comments must be filed by April 26, 2002. Staff's motion proposed to extend its filing date to May 28, 2002, and Columbia's filing date to June 11, 2002.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-110, permit the filing of responses within 14 days of Staff's motion. Those responses, however, are not due until after Staff's and the Company's existing filing dates on the retail choice issues. We find that the requested extensions on these complex issues will not prejudice any interested person. In addition, the Commission still must act on the Company's retail supply choice plan within the time period provided by § 56-235.8 B of the Code of Virginia. Accordingly, at this time, we will grant Staff's motion for the limited purpose of extending the requested filing dates attendant to Columbia's retail supply choice plan.

We also will permit responses and any reply, in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-110, to the remaining issues raised in Staff's motion. Pending receipt of any responses and reply, the Commission will suspend the filing dates for the Staff report, and for the Company's comments, on the proposed changes to

rates, charges, rules, and regulations for transportation and other services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Ordering paragraph (6) of the Order Revising Schedule of February 14, 2002, in this Case No. PUE-2001-00587 is amended to provide for the filing of the report by April 17, 2002.

(2) Ordering paragraph (7) of the Order Revising Schedule of February 14, 2002, in this Case No. PUE-2001-00587 is suspended.

(3) Ordering paragraph (8) of the Order Revising Schedule of February 14, 2002, in this Case No. PUE-2001-00587 is amended to provide for the filing of Columbia's comments on the Staff report and comments and requests for a hearing to May 3, 2002.

(4) Ordering paragraph (9) of the Order Revising Schedule of February 14, 2002, in this Case No. PUE-2001-00587 is suspended.

(5) This matter is continued generally for further order of the Commission.